

REMARKS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested in light of the foregoing amendments and remarks which follow.

Claims 7, 8 and 15-20 were pending. With this response, rejected claims 7, 8 and 15-18 are cancelled. The only remaining claims are claims 19 and 20, which were indicated by the Examiner to be allowable.

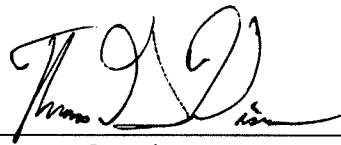
All of the stated grounds of rejection have been rendered moot. Therefore, it is believed that the present application is in condition for allowance. A notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

It is not believed that extensions of time are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in accompanying documents. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to **Deposit Account No. 02-4300, Attorney Docket No. 032301.606.**

Respectfully submitted,

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